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(C) In response to reftel points, MFA Acting UN Office Director Leonardo Bencini confirmed Italy's support for the French draft UN Security Council Resolution on the conflict in Georgia. He said he was unsure of the current state of play in New York among Council members who remained wary of the resolution, and agreed that the Council needed to send a message that was as unanimous as possible. SPOGLI